

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): An air-bag unit positioned on a floor pan of a motor vehicle in a foot-well comprising

a substantially sealed damp-proof housing, and

an air-bag in the housing,

wherein the housing has a substantially rigid upper cover and a base, and the upper cover is secured to the base, and

wherein on inflation of the air-bag, the upper cover is lifted from an initial position to an elevated position so that the upper cover is separated from the base.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein the upper cover is sonic-welded to the base.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An air-bag unit positioned on a floor pan of a motor vehicle in a foot-well comprising

a substantially sealed damp-proof housing, and

an air-bag in the housing,

wherein the housing has a substantially rigid upper cover, and the upper cover is secured to a base part of the housing by means of a deformable side wall, and

on inflation of the air-bag, the upper cover is lifted from an initial position to an elevated position.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 3, wherein the side

wall is a concertina[-]style side wall.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein the housing is provided with mounting means to mount the unit in position.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein the air-bag comprises two superimposed layers of fabric, and the layers are secured together to define a plurality of discrete cells.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 6, wherein the cells comprise a plurality of substantially parallel cells which are substantially cylindrical when inflated.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 6, wherein the cells comprise a plurality of cells configured so that on inflation of the cells, one end of each cell has a greater diameter than the other end of the cell.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 8, wherein the cells are substantially triangular.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein the air-bag is provided with a gas supply tube adapted to be connected to a gas generator.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 10, wherein the gas generator is connected to the gas supply tube, and the gas generator is associated with a sensor adapted to respond to an impact.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein a gas generator is disposed within the housing to provide gas to inflate the air-bag.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 12, wherein a

means for supplying a signal adapted to initiate inflation of the air-bag is connected to the gas generator through an electrical connection means.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein the base is substantially rigid.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An air-bag unit positioned on a floor pan of a motor vehicle in a foot-well, comprising: A unit according to Claim 14,

a substantially sealed damp-proof housing, and

an air-bag in the housing,

wherein the housing has a substantially rigid upper cover and a substantially rigid base, and the upper cover is secured to the base, and

wherein on inflation of the air-bag, the upper cover is lifted from an initial position to an elevated position, and

wherein the base has a deformable peripheral region, and a terminal lip of the peripheral region is secured to the cover.